



Education Watch

Enhancing Flexibility & Accountability ■ Leaving No Child Behind

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H.R. 1 Consolidates Duplicative Programs, Eliminates Waste

President Bush's *No Child Left Behind Act* gives states and local schools unprecedented flexibility to improve student performance by consolidating a host of duplicative programs to ensure that state and local officials can meet the unique needs of their students. **Under current law, there are 66 different authorized ESEA programs; H.R. 1 consolidates or eliminates 32 of those programs.** Included below are a few examples.

- H.R. 1 consolidates five federal teacher professional development and classroom size reduction programs into one performance-based grant initiative. Instead of burdensome federal funding mandates, school districts will have the flexibility to use funds to reduce class sizes by recruiting, hiring, and training new teachers, or on professional development for existing teachers.
- The bill consolidates nine federal education technology programs into a performance-based grant program that sends more money directly to schools and enhances flexibility for local school districts to target funding to those that need it most.
- The measure consolidates five federal bilingual education programs into one grant to ensure that federal funding is focused on teaching English to limited English proficient children. By eliminating duplicative programs, the bill ensures that schools will not have to submit multiple grant applications and waste precious dollars on administrative expenses.

Message of the Day

Consolidation and flexibility are key components of President Bush's *No Child Left Behind* education plan.

- ❑ *Washington bureaucrats shouldn't micromanage how local school districts address the unique needs of their students.*
- ❑ *Too many federal programs and too many federal mandates hamstringing state and local school districts' ability to find creative and innovative solutions to help our children succeed.*
- ❑ *H.R. 1 maximizes local control and flexibility and reins in the federal bureaucracy.*

DAILY EDUCATION FACTS

- H.R. 1 streamlines nearly half of the federal K-12 education bureaucracy in one swift stroke.
- The bill also eliminates a host of duplicative programs altogether, including the educational equity for Native Hawaiians program, the small learning communities program, the Fund for the Improvement of Education, and the school renovation program.
- During markup on May 2, the committee successfully defeated Democrat amendments to add separate programs on school construction, class size, and Rep. Lynn Woolsey's "Go-Girls" initiative.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"[The No Child Left Behind plan] is the best chance we have had for meaningful education reform in a generation, and we must not waste it. Education reform must be a bipartisan effort. I have reached out to members of Congress in both parties, and we have achieved a broad consensus on major reforms."

President George W. Bush, National Weekly Radio Address, April 21, 2001